THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) As per the available information no decline in employment in the major industrial sectors has been observed during financial years 1989 to 1992. (Figures for 1992 are available only upto December, 1992).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has established the National Renewal Fund to provide assistance for training, retraining and redeployment of workers and make available funds for employment generation schemes both in the organised and unorganised sectors in order to provide a social safety net for labour needs arising from the consequences from modernisation, industrial restructuring etc. Rs.50 crores has been earmarked for counselling, training and redeployment out of the NRF funds and five Employee Assistance Centres have been sanctioned in Bombay, Ahmedabad, Kanpur, Calcutta and Indore. These centres would broadly cover a range of activities including labour market surveys together information about potential marketable skills, job counselling, retraining, self-employment and redeployment/ placement. It is proposed to cover about 7000 workers per year through these centres. In addition to this, a special training scheme has also been sanctioned under National Renewal Fund for implementation through the Directorate General of Employment & Training under the Ministry of Labour for workers who have been rendered surplus or taken voluntary retirement. The scheme envisages training of such workers through part-time evening classes in about 15 selected Industrial Training Institutes which are under the administrative control of the respective state governments. This scheme is also to be implemented in 5 Advanced Training Institutes located at Bombay, Calcutta, Kanpur, Hyderabad, Ludhiana and one Central Training Institute for Instructors located at Madras. It is envisaged that about 5300 workers per year would be covered under this scheme.

Employment Decline in Manufacturing Sector

746. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decline has been registered in employment from the manufacturing sector in the last decade;

(b) whether this is the result of substitution of capital for labour;

(c) whether the labour market has become more rigid; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to reverse this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) As per the census results, employment (main workers) in manufacturing sector in the country (excluding Assam and Jammu & Kashmir) has increased in the last decade.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

बछावत समिति के प्रतिवेदन का कार्यान्वयन

747. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई समाचार पत्र समूहों ने बछावत समिति की रिपोर्ट को लागू नहीं किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने उनके द्वारा उपरोक्त रिपोर्ट को लागू न करने के लिए इन समाचार पत्र समूहों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की है; और

(ग) सभी समाचार पत्र समूहों द्वारा बछावत समिति की रिपोर्ट के पूर्ण कार्यान्वयन को सुनिश्चित करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०ए० संगमा): (क) से (ग) अद्यतन सूचना के अनुसार, 1545 समाचार-पत्र प्रतिष्ठानों में से 906 प्रतिष्ठानों ने बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों का कार्यान्वयन नहीं किया है। वित्तीय कठिनाइयों और बछावत पंचाट के